(c) No, Sir.

(d) To uplift the socio-economic conditions of OBCs, data on OBC would be useful in formulating schemes for their welfare.

Status of proposals for welfare of older persons

1310. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from various State Governments for the welfare of older persons during the last two years;

(b) the funds allocated and released for these welfare schemes to the State Government during the said period; and

(c) the number of new Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres and Mobile Medicare Units to be opened during the current year, State-wise, particularly in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) During 2004-05, 222 proposals and during 2005-06, 64 proposals of Non Government Organisations were received.

(b) There is no allocation for the States/Union Territories under the Scheme.

(c) There is no target.

Tribals below poverty line

†1311. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tribals in the country and State-wise details of the people among them living below the poverty line;

(b) the details of the programmes introduced by Government for tribals and the measures taken by Government to provide its information to the tribals in this regard;

(c) the degree of benefits, the tribals are getting from the schemes/ programmes formulated by Government for them; and

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(d) the guidelines issued by Government to various State Governments in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The total number of tribals in the country as per Population Census 2001 is 84,326,240. The State-wise details of the people among them living below the poverty line are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) Different Sectoral Ministries under the Central Government cover tribals as well as other people under their programmes. As far as programmes meant exclusively for tribals are concerned, the following are being implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs;

Central Sector Schemes

(i) **Grant-in-aid to NGOs for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching and Allied and award for exemplary service**: Funds are released for preparing ST candidates for competitive examinations to improve their representation in various posts and services.

(ii) **Vocational Training in Tribal Areas:** The scheme aims at developing the skills of the tribal youth for gainful employment/ self employment.

(iii) **Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets:** Funds are provided for improving literacy among ST women in districts with less than 10% of female literacy.

(iv) **Grant-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce:** Support is given to Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations, Minor Forest Produce Trade and Development Federations or Forest Development Corporations in the States for dealing with Minor Forest Produce items.

(v) **Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs):** Funds are provided for any activity to be undertaken for the benefit of the PTGs.

(vi) **Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for ST students:**Fellowships are provided to ST students to enable them to pursue higher studies for obtaining M.Phil and Ph.D qualifications.

Centrally-Sponsored Schemes

(vii) **Scheme of Post Matric, Book Bank & Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students:** Post Matric Scholarships are sanctioned to ST students, books are supplied to ST students pursuing professional courses and upgradation of merit of ST students.

(viii) **Girls and Boys Hostels for Scheduled Tribes:** Funds are provided to States/UTs for construction of new hostel buildings and/or extension of existing hostels.

(ix) **Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas:** Funds are provided for establishment of residential schools for ST boys and girls.

(x) **Research Information & Mass Education, Tribal Festival and Others:** Grants are given for Research Fellowships, Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) set up in the States/UTs, research and evaluation projects, seminars and publications.

Special Area Programmes

(xi) **Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan:** Special Central Assistance is provided to Tribal Sub-Plan States for filling up the critical gaps in employment-cum-income generation activities and infrastructure incidental thereto.

(xii) **Grants-in-aid under Article 275(1) of the Constitution:** Funds are released for providing infrastructure to Tribal Welfare Educational Institutions.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs disseminates information about its schemes/programmes to the tribals through the following measures:

(i) A quarterly Newsletter 'Janjatiya Jagran', published by this Ministry which is dispatched up to the level of Panchayats having ST population.

(ii) Documentary films made on various aspects of tribal life and telecast through Doordarshan, on a weekly basis.

(iii) Advertisements in the press.

(iv) The Ministry's website which contains details of programmes/ activities and the Annual Report of the Ministry.

(v) Seminars/Workshops held in the Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) and by NGOs.

(vi) Through the State Governments and NGOs implementing programme of this Ministry.

(c) The degree of benefits to tribals from the different programmes of this Ministry vary, and are assessed from time to time through monitoring and evaluation studies.

(d) Every programme of the Government incorporates guidelines for implementation, which are followed by the Central Government Ministries/ Departments, the State Governments and other implementing agencies.

Statement

Percentage of ST population Below Poverty Line (1999-2000)

Sl. No.	State	Rural	Urban
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23.82	44.99
2.	Assam	38.73	2.70
3.	Bihar	59.68	39.47
4.	Gujarat	29.11	36.66
5.	Haryana	-	-
6.	Himachal Pradesh	5.73	-
7.	Karnataka	25.49	51.37
8.	Kerala	24.2	-
9.	Madhya Pradesh	56.26	52.59
10.	Maharashtra	43.56	42.98
11.	Orissa	73.93	59.59
12.	Punjab	17.99	12.95
13.	Rajasthan	25.27	20.71
14.	Tamil Nadu	43.2	5.22
15.	Uttar Pradesh	34.06	13.27
16.	West Bengal	50.02	31.88

Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya Vidyalaya in Madhya Pradesh

†1312. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya Vidyalaya togetherwith their locations in Madhya Pradesh and Orissa; and

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